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A warm welcome!



My name is Mr. Fowlie. I am very happy to be the new headteacher of Lantern Lane Primary School.

A warm welcome to all members of our school community – both parents/carers of new pupils and those with pupils moving up the school.

We have all been very impressed with the pupils during this first week back. They have been enthusiastic learners and shown excellent behaviour. They all look very smart in their uniform.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking the staff team – cleaners, site staff, teachers and support staff - for making sure that the classrooms are ready and we are prepared for a super year ahead.

I am looking forward to getting to know the school community. You will see me and my team on the playground at the start and end of the school day. We will be sending out a weekly newsletter with key information on, as well as telling you about the fantastic learning going on across school.

New faces

As well as a new headteacher, we have several new staff joining us this year. We welcome Mr. Morris & Miss Phillips (Y6) and Mr. Knight (Y5) to our teaching team alongside Mrs. Adams & Mrs. Lower who are new members of support staff working across the school.

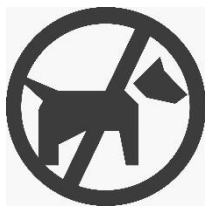
Attendance & punctuality reminders

We are really thankful for your support in ensuring your children come to school every day, on time, as much as possible.

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please notify us by calling on 01509 820112 or via WeDuc. Parents should contact school each subsequent day of absence.

There has been a lot of news coverage over the summer about changes to penalty notices for taking children on holiday during term time. We will consult with parents/carers about changes to our Attendance Policy later this term. Until then, our current policy and procedures will continue to apply.

Please remember these rules when on school grounds:



No dogs are allowed on the school site.



No smoking or vaping on the school site.



Please dismount bicycles and scooters when on the school site.



Please park safely around our school site and be considerate of our local community.

If you are planning to take your child out of school, for a holiday or other reason, please complete a leave of absence request form – available from our school office.

Speak to us

If you have concerns about your child's learning, friendships or issues linked to the school day, please try to speak to your child's class teacher first. They will be able to deal with and resolve most concerns. If it needs to be referred or escalated to someone else, the class teacher will be able to do that.

In the rare event that the class teacher has not be able to resolve the issue or you still have concerns, please contact one of our senior leaders. You can get in touch with them by or calling or popping into the office to arrange a suitable time.

- Mr. Fowlie – Headteacher
- Mrs. Thompson – Deputy Head/SENDSCO
- Mrs. Panther – Assistant Head

Safeguarding concerns

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr. Fowlie, or one of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Thompson or Mrs Panther. When you either call or email the office to speak to them, please make it clear that it is about a safeguarding concern.

School uniform

It's quick and easy to order school uniform online. Go to: www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk Please make sure children don't wear bracelets, rings or necklaces to school. One pair of studded earrings may be worn. This is to prevent accidents and protect safety. If your child wears an item linked to their faith/belief, please speak to school.

Next week

Y6 pupils are off to Norfolk for a fantastic residential experience on Monday. I know they will have a great time and come back with incredible memories. In next week's newsletter, we will provide a list of diary dates for the term ahead and other key information.

Thank you to everyone in the school community for making me feel so welcome at Lantern Lane.

Your children are very special to us and I am confident that, by working together, we can ensure all pupils continue to receive a high standard of education during their time with us and leave us as confident happy children ready for the next stage in their education.